

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 10 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 4-9, objected to claim 3, and indicated that claim 10 is allowed. The Examiner has acknowledged that Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) teaches use of two diodes to provide protection for an internal circuit, and implies that by amending the claims to specifically recite a single diode in the present claimed invention, the rejections made by the Examiner will be overcome. By this amendment, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 6 to specifically recite a single diode in the power line. For reasons set forth in the previous amendment, use of the single diode in the power line provides distinct advantages over the prior art.

To avoid any misunderstanding, applicant directs the attention of the Examiner to the following definition of "single" from the *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 10th Ed. (1993):

"**single** ...2: unaccompanied by others: lone, sole <the ~ survivor of the disaster> 3 a (1): consisting of or having only one part, feature, or portion <~ consonants> (2): consisting of one as opposed to or in contrast with many... (3): consisting of only one in number..."

Applicant adopts this definition of "single".


Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments, applicant submits that the claimed invention patentably defines over the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection claims 1-9 (claim 10 being allowed) under 35 U.S.C. §103. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

Respectfully submitted

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